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UPDATE 3

VIADUCT CONSTRUCTION ON HIGHWAY 9 NEAR BEN LOMOND CONTINUES

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY—A construction project continues with grinding and paving tentatively scheduled for the first week in April on a quarter-mile section of Highway 9 in Santa Cruz County near Ben Lomond from just north of Glen Arbor Road to Highlands County Park, south of Holiday Lane, Caltrans officials announced today.

Final grinding and paving is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 4 and Friday, April 5, weather permitting. Roadwork began on September 4 and traffic control consists of a temporary signal with one-way traffic on one of the two lanes, 24 hours a day **through early April 2013**. Motorists should expect 10-15 minute delays.

This project will improve safety by constructing a viaduct structure and repaving the existing, worn pavement. Project Work will continue after April for approximately one year so that landscaping can be installed. No lane closures are needed for this work and all work is expected to be complete by next summer.

The contractor for this \$1.3 million project is Pavex Construction of Watsonville.

Caltrans reminds motorists to move over or slow down when driving through Caltrans work zones.

For lane closure information on this project and for traffic updates on other Caltrans projects in Santa Cruz County, residents can call the District 5 toll free number at 1-831-423-0396 or can visit our website at www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/maint/road/upscr.htm

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